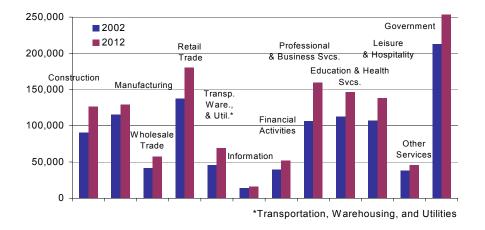
Riverside-San Bernardino MSA Projection Highlights

Industry

Nonfarm wage and salary employment in this MSA is expected to grow the fastest of any MSA in California, or nearly 3 percent annually between 2002 and 2012. The 318,300 new jobs will raise employment to nearly 1.4 million by 2012. The rate of job growth is 1.6 times that of the state of California as a whole. Two-thirds of all new nonfarm wage and salary jobs are forecasted to occur in Professional & Business Services (17%), Government (15%), Retail Trade (13%), Construction (11%), and Education & Health Services (11%).

Transportation, Warehousing & Utilities is the fastest growing major industry sector with an annual growth rate of 5 percent, which reflects the key role this MSA plays in transportation for the greater Los Angeles region. Professional & Business Services is also forecasted to grow nearly at 5 percent. Except for the Information sector, all other major industry sectors expect substantially higher job growth than for California as a whole largely due to sizable continued population increases in this MSA.

Below is a graph of the estimated 2002 and projected 2012 employment for major industries of the Riverside-San Bernardino MSA.



Occupations

Occupational projections for the period 2002 to 2012 forecast:

- Almost 320,000 new jobs from industry growth,
- Over 263,000 job openings from Net Replacements,
- A combined total of just over 581,000 job openings.

The top 50 occupations with the most job openings will generate almost 57 percent of all job openings in Riverside/San Bernardino area during the 2002-2012 period. These occupations are expected to generate over 334,000 total job openings. Half of these occupations are typically lower paying, entry-level occupations such as Retail Salespersons, Cashiers and Combined Food Preparation and Serving Workers. Higher-skilled and higher paying occupations such as Registered Nurse, General & Operations Managers, and both Elementary and Secondary School Teachers are also included on this list. All occupations on the Top 50 are forecasted to have a minimum of 2,500 job openings annually.

The 50 fastest growing occupations are all expected to grow at an annual rate of 4.5 percent or more. Construction and Extraction jobs make up 15 of the 50 fastest occupations. Just under half of these occupations require 1-12 months on-the-job training or beyond. Ten of the top 12 highest paying job in this list pay \$27 per hour or more and require a BA/BS degree or more.

